

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An article of footwear including an upper and a sole, the sole comprising,

a receiving portion including a biasing assembly; and

a ground-engaging member having a removable tip including a leg member depending therefrom, the leg member configured to resiliently displace a portion of the biasing assembly based on a general linear motion of the leg member causing abutment of the portion of the biasing assembly with the leg member, and the portion of the biasing assembly configured to resiliently recover after the resilient displacement so as to provide a snap-fit engagement; wherein the biasing assembly includes a first biasing member and a second biasing member each being oriented with respect to each other such that, in a direction from a proximal end of the first and second biasing members, respectively, to a distal end of the first biasing member and second biasing member, respectively, a spacing between the first and second biasing members initially increases and then subsequently decreases.

2. (cancelled)

3. (Original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said sole includes a footplate from which said ground-engaging member extends.

4. (Original) The article according to claim 3, wherein said footplate is made from a resilient plastic.

5. (Original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said sole includes a plurality of said receiving portions and a corresponding plurality of ground-engaging members.

6. (Original) The article according to claim 5, wherein said sole includes a forefoot region and a heel region, said forefoot region including a greater number of said ground-engaging members than said heel region.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The article according to claim 1,~~ An article of footwear including an upper and a sole, the sole comprising,

a receiving portion including a biasing assembly; and

a ground-engaging member having a removable tip including a leg member depending therefrom, the leg member configured to resiliently displace a portion of the biasing assembly based on a general linear motion of the leg member causing abutment of the portion of the biasing assembly with the leg member, and the portion of the biasing assembly configured to resiliently recover after the resilient displacement so as to provide a snap-fit engagement; wherein ~~said~~ the biasing assembly includes first and second said biasing members, said first and second biasing members each defining an obtuse angle and being oriented with respect to each other such that, in a direction from a proximal end of said first and second spring members, respectively, to a distal end of said first and second spring members, respectively, a spacing between said first and second spring members initially increases and then subsequently decreases.

8. (Currently Amended) The article according to claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said receiving portion includes a raised base having a bore formed therein through which said biasing assembly extends, said removable tip configured for snap-fit engagement with said raised base.

9. (Original) The article according to claim 8, wherein said tip includes a head and a pair of spaced apart said leg members both extending in generally the same direction from said head, wherein said biasing assembly is arranged between said pair of leg members, each said leg member being shaped in substantial conformance with a shape of a respective said basing member of said biasing assembly so as to provide a snap-fit engagement between said pair of leg members and said biasing assembly.

10. (Original) The article according to claim 9, wherein at least one said leg members has a rib formed on an exterior surface thereof, and an interior wall of said bore has a slot formed therein corresponding to said rib, said rib being positioned on said at least one leg member and said slot being formed in said interior wall of said bore, respectively, so as to align said leg members and said biasing assembly for said snap-fit engagement therebetween.

11. (Original) The article according to claim 10, wherein said tip further includes a medial rib extending from said head between said leg members.

12. (Original) The article according to claim 11, wherein said medial rib extends between respective distal ends of said pair of biasing members.

13. (Original) The article according to claim 2, comprising a plurality of said removable tips, said plurality of tips being interchangeably snap-fit engageable with said receiving portion.

14. (Original) The article according to claim 8, wherein said sole includes a plurality of said receiving portions each including a respective raised base, each said raised base extending substantially the same distance from said sole.

15. (Original) The article according to claim 8, wherein said sole includes a plurality of said receiving portions each including a respective raised base, each said raised base having a

respective said tip in snap-fit engagement therewith, at least two of said tips extending different respective distances from their said respective bases.

16. (Original) The article according to claim 8, wherein said sole includes a plurality of said receiving portions each including a raised base, each said raised base having a respective said tip in snap-fit engagement therewith, wherein each of said tips extends substantially the same distance from said respective bases.

17. (Original) The article according to claim 1, wherein said biasing assembly comprises glass-filled nylon 12 or polyetherimide.

18-25 (Cancelled)